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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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Summary of the Upcoming Week



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Today

- Isolated heavy rain and strong storms possible in **NE NM** and the **W Panhandles**.
- Isolated heavy rain/flash flooding possible over much of **LA** as well.

Monday - Thursday

- Isolated flash flooding possible in **NM** each day, especially in/around burn scar locations, the highest chances are likely to occur on **Monday**.
- On **Monday**, isolated heavy rain also possible over **S AR & N LA** – may prolong ongoing river flooding.

River Flooding

- The **MS River** at **Baton Rouge** is expected to drop below major flood stage on **Wednesday**.

Tropical Weather Outlook

- A tropical wave located a couple hundred miles east of the **Central Bahamas** may show some slight development over the next few days while the disturbance moves west/northwest; no impacts to **Region 6** expected.

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

July 21, 2019 – July 25, 2019



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DAY / THREAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
Severe Storms	NE NM, W Panhandles				
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	NE NM, W Panhandles, LA	NM	NM	NM	NM
		S & E AR, N LA			
Fire Weather					
Tropical Weather					
River Flooding	LA, AR	LA, AR	LA, AR	LA, AR	LA, AR

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

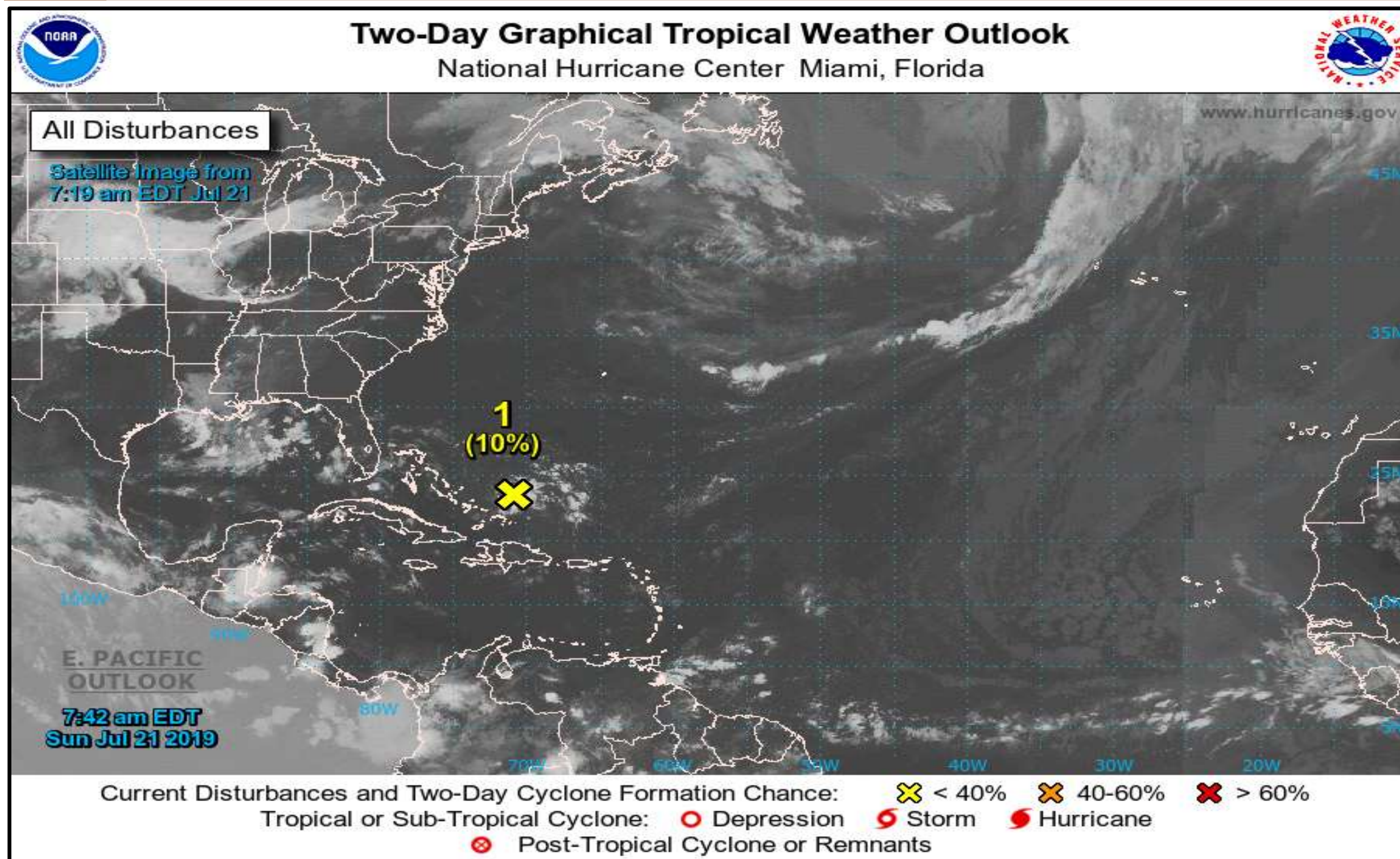
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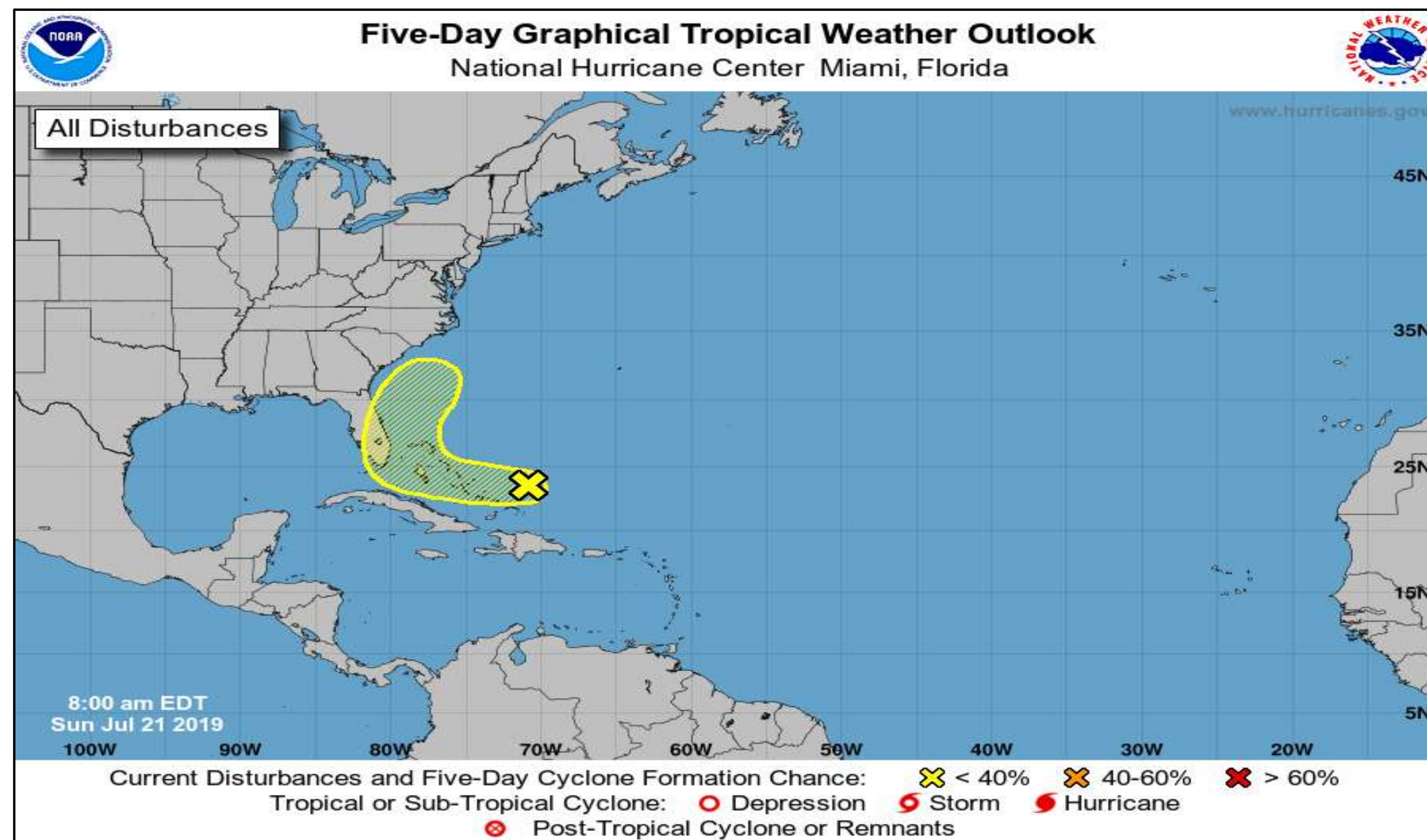
Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf



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Chance of Development – 20% through 5 days
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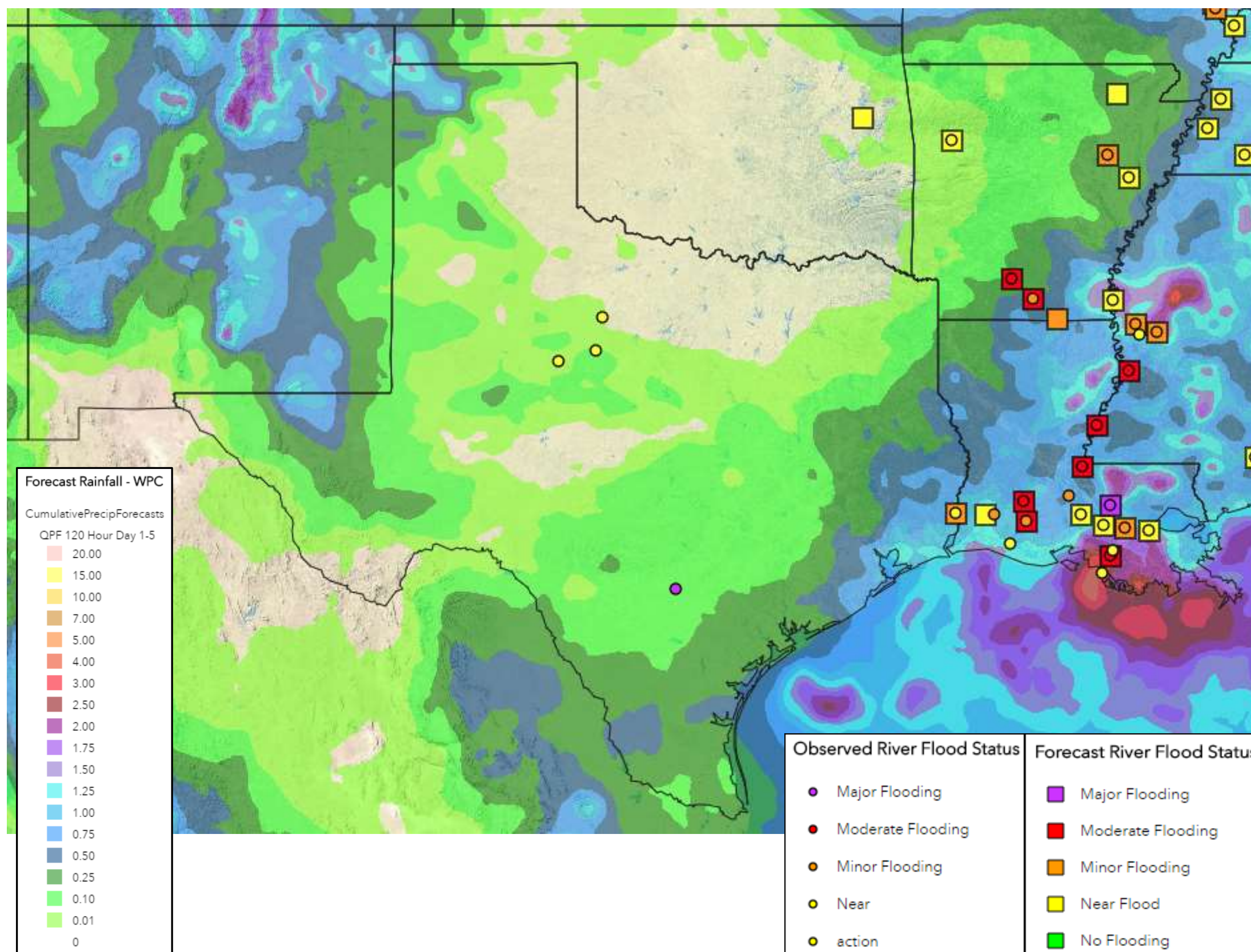
FEMA Region 6 Threat Level
No impacts to Region 6 are expected.

5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



Latest on the MS River Flooding:

- Significant falls on the Lower Mississippi River will continue.
- Red River Landing is expected to drop into minor flood stage next weekend.
- Baton Rouge, LA is forecast to drop into moderate flood stage Wednesday and could fall below flood stage in early August.

Flood Impacts from Barry:

- Portions of the Ouachita River in SAR will continue rising and is expected to crest in moderate flood mid week; impacts expected to a state park, and widespread flooding of timber, with access to many oil and gas rigs flooded.
- The Atchafalaya River at Morgan City, LA will remain in moderate flood stage/steady through next week; buildings near the river will flood and vessel traffic is affected at these levels.

Today's Weather



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Forecast Chart

Forecast Rainfall

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Severe Weather Outlook

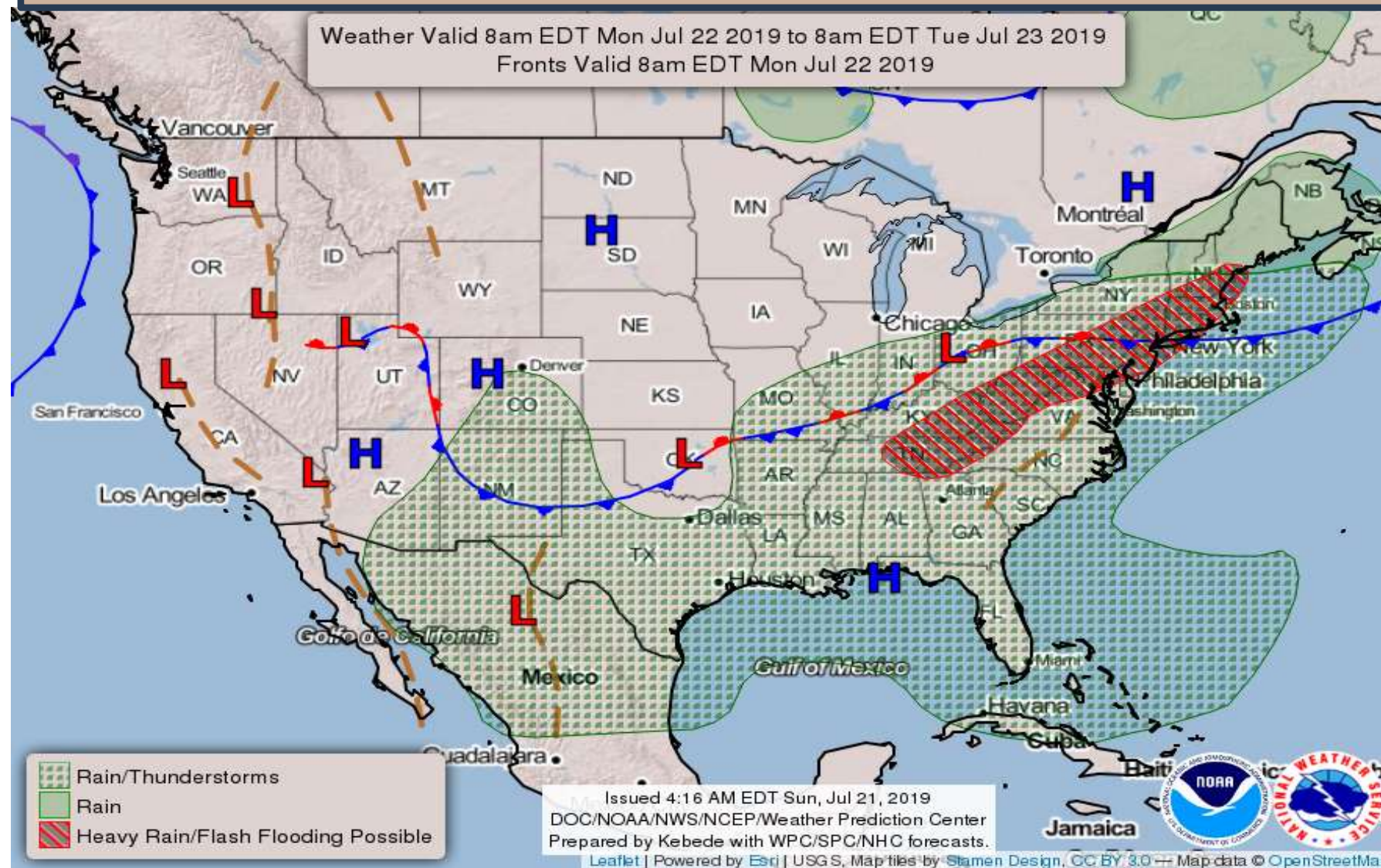
Excessive Rainfall Outlook

Tomorrow's Weather



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Forecast Chart



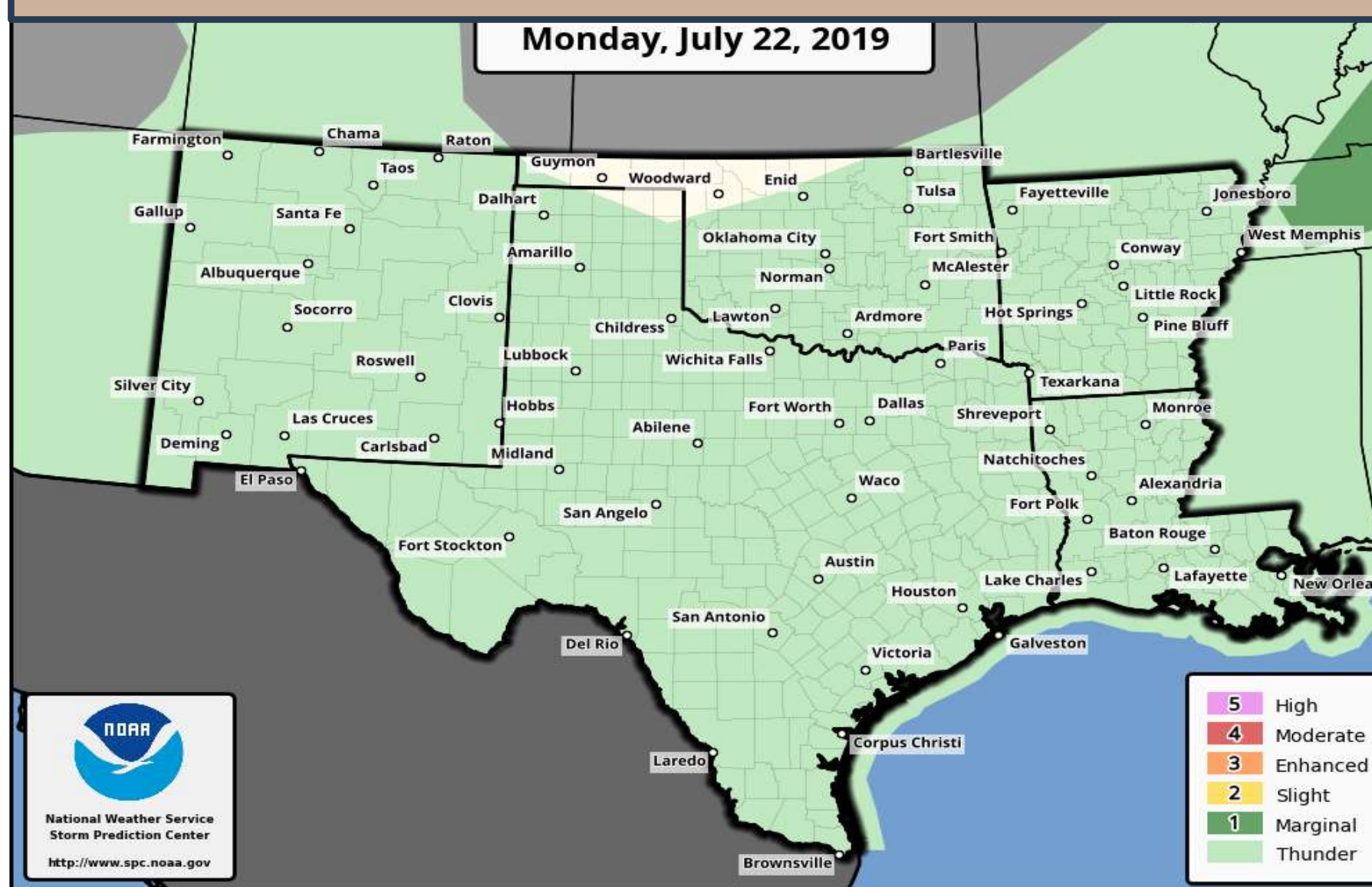
Forecast Rainfall



Heavy rainfall/isolated flash flooding possible across NM, especially in/around burn scar locations.

Isolated heavy rain/flash flooding also possible over S & E AR and N LA.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Tuesday's Weather

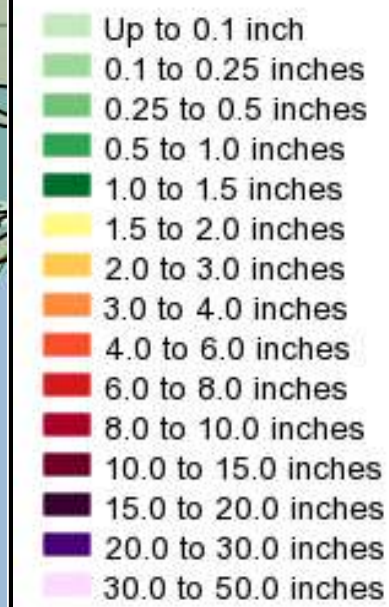
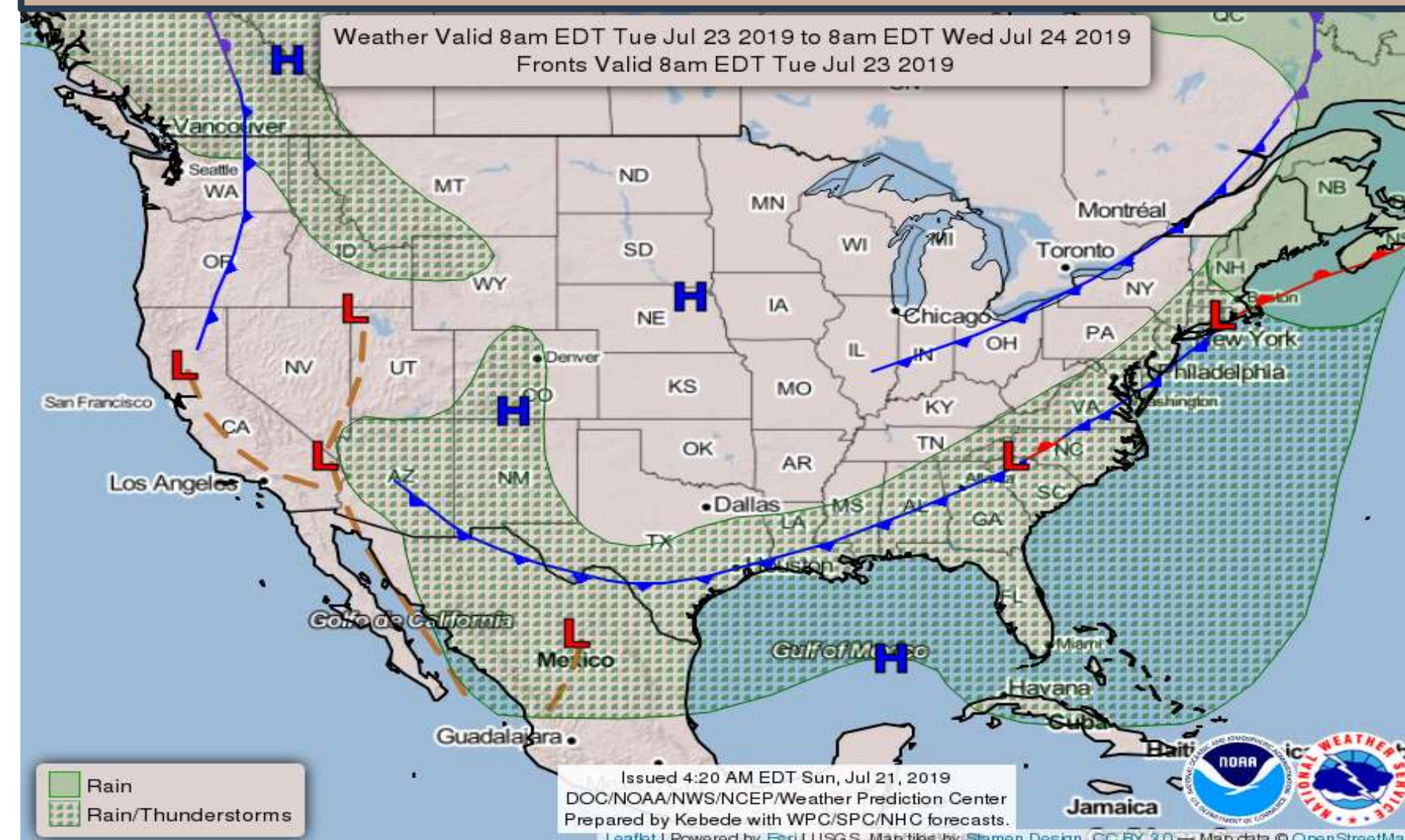


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Forecast Chart

Forecast Rainfall

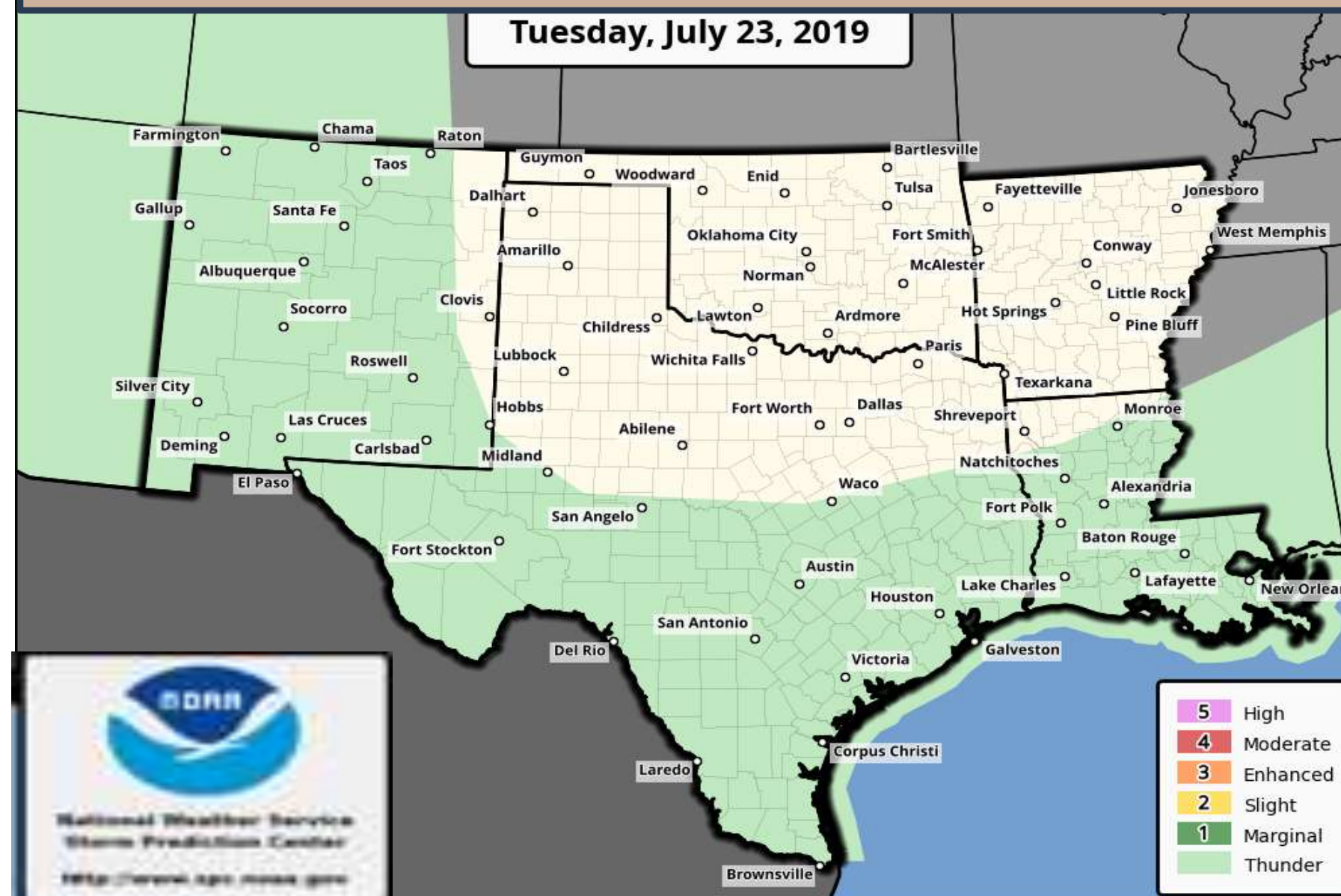
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Severe Weather Outlook

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



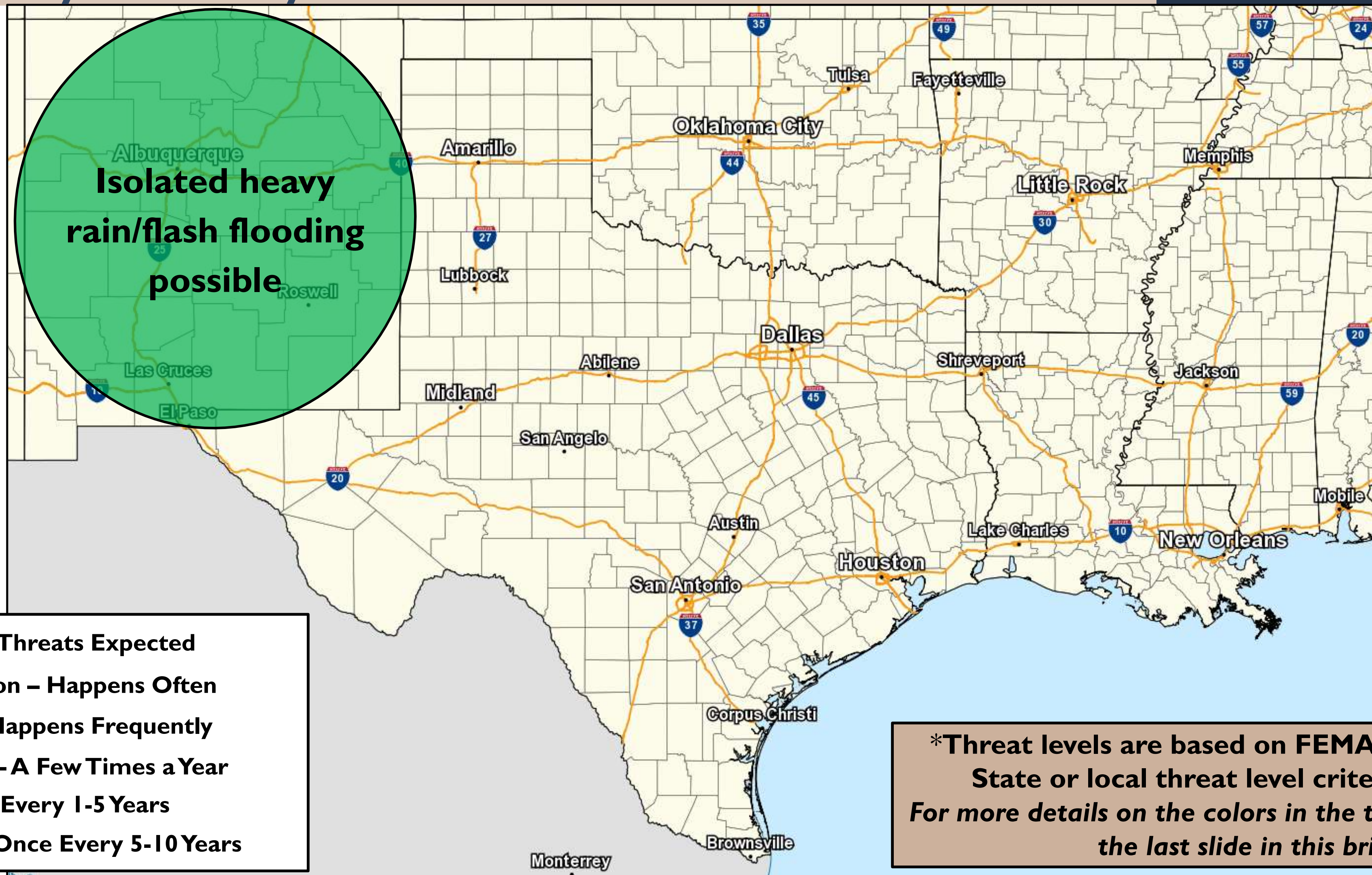
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Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Wednesday - Thursday



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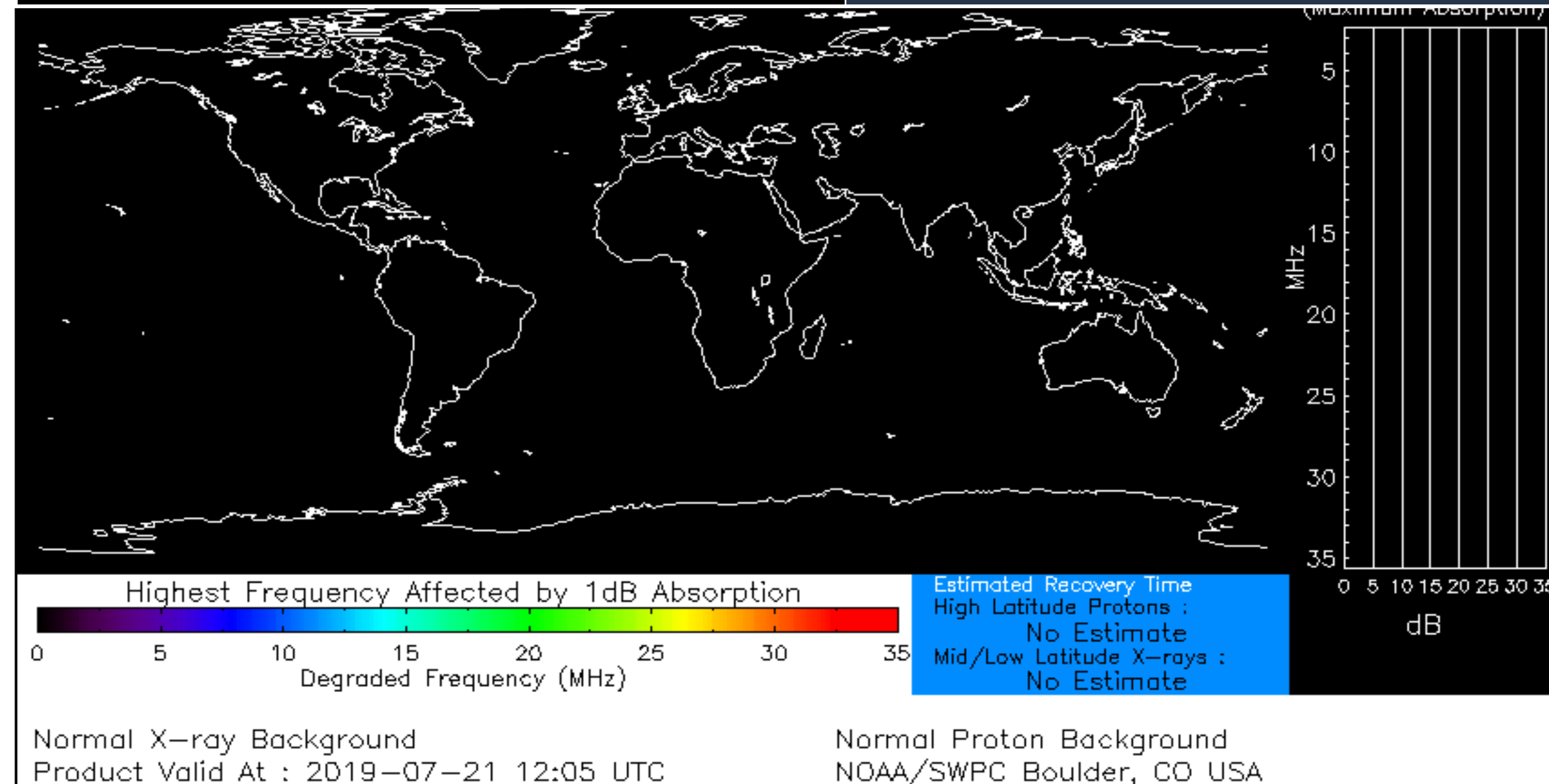
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Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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3-Day Space Weather
Forecast Text](#)





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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

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